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Town of Troy, N. H.,

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*We, the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Troy,
submit the following*

REPORT:

The sum voted by the Town for the repairs of high-
ways for the year One Thousand Eight

Hundred and Sixty-five

\$800 00

Over assessed

8 84

808 84

Committed to Highway Surveyors as follows:

District No. 1.	Jacob Boyce	\$44 51
" 2.	Edwin Buttrick	38 84
" 3.	William L. Bemis	46 03
" 4.	John U. Beers	33 52
" 5.	Leonard Farrar	47 37
" 6.	Hamilton Parker	39 36
" 7.	Edmund Bemis	55 51
" 8.	Charles H. Osborn	35 85
" 9.	Daniel M. Farrar	43 78
" 10.	Lorenzo Dexter	36 88
" 11.	Jonas Bemis	27 04
" 12.	Amasa Fuller, Jr.	30 70
" 13.	Joseph Alexander, Jr.	38 70
" 14.	Milan Corey	20 65
" 15.	Michael Roach	38 93
" 16.	Sidney A. Butler	51 84
" 17.	Ira G. Starkey	23 38
" 18.	Luke C. Clark	27 59
" 19.	Elliot Whitcomb	26 67
Non-resident highway Tax		101 69
		<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 808 84

Amount of Money Appropriated for Schooling for 1865.

Assessed for the year 1865	\$513 56
Interest on School Fund Notes	24 00
Railroad Money appropriated for Schooling	30 00
Literary Fund from the State	6 00
	<hr/> 573 56

Division of School-Money.

District No. 1.	Andrew J. Aldrich, Committee	196 75
" 2.	John U. Beers "	147 58
" 3.	Hezekiah Hodgkins "	75 19
" 4.	Lorenzo Dexter "	67 83
" 5.	Malachi L. Tarpey "	44 45
" 6.	Luke C. Clark "	38 51
Damon & Bowker's School Tax paid in Fitzwilliam		3 25
		<hr/> 573 56

State and County Tax.

State Tax	1732 50
County Tax	467 99
	<hr/> 2200 49

Abatement of Taxes.

John U. Beers, Collector for 1864, taxes abated in his hands	21 85
Lyman Harrington's poll assessed in 1865, not taxable	4 85
Mrs. Kendall and Frost an over-assessment in 1864	5 33
Dana Carley, abatement of Dog tax	1 00
Mrs. Mary Perham, over-assessment in 1864	1 49
" " " in the year 1865	2 02
Stephen B. Farrar, Collector for 1865, taxes abated in his hands	23 48
	<hr/> 60 02

Fire Department.

Edward P. Kimball for cash paid for repairs on Fire Engine	25 40
A. G. Hurlbut by paying 40 Engine men	60 00
	<hr/> 85 40

Support of Poor for 1864.

Paid Leonard Farrar for rent of Kendall place	30 00
Sylvester Drury for boarding Maria Whittemore	20 00
E. P. Kimball for goods del. to H. Taft	37 92
Adaline Lawrence for services rendered to John Flagg's family	7 60
	<hr/> 95 52

Support of Poor for 1865.

Paid D. W. Farrar, goods del. H. Taft's family	13 91
D. W. Farrar, goods del. J. Kendall's family	11 75
D. W. Farrar, goods del. Wm. Ward's family	14 47
E. P. Kimball, goods del. H. Taft	5 00
Edmund Bemis for transient paupers	2 50
J. Alexander, Jr., med. for Caroline Alexander	2 19
E. & C. Carter, 2 coffins for Mrs. Taft and child	8 00
John U. Beers for shroud for Mrs. H. Taft	4 00
Sylvester Drury for boarding Maria Whittemore	20 00
Daniel B. Woodward, M. D., for professional services rendered to Harrison Taft's family	29 72
John U. Beers car fare and entert. Mrs. Temple	1 40
" " car fare and ent. James Daley	2 00
William Ballou for services rendered to Harrison Taft's family	4 00
House of Reformation, Manchester, N. H., for boarding Warren Woodward	15 86
Joel Whittemore for shroud for H. Taft's child	1 13
John Brown, car fare to Vermont	5 00
Ephm. Wheeler for team to move the Taft boy	1 00
E. P. Kimball for goods del. H. Taft's family	56 89
Daniel B. Woodward, meats del. Taft's family	3 49
Joseph Aldrich for shirts for the Taft boy	1 50
J. Alexander, Jr. med. for Caroline Alexander	1 50
D. W. Farrar for goods del. H. Taft's family	4 00
Emma R. Smith, car fare and expense	4 00
House of Reformation, Manchester, N. H., for boarding Warren Woodward	13 15
John Whittemore for goods for Lucy Rice	2 73
Mrs. Cutler Rice for boarding Lucy Rice	90 00
Jos. Alexander jr. boarding Caroline Alexander	78 21
Whitney & Silsby, goods del. Harrison Taft	78 98
" " " Car. Alexander by order	8 79
" " " Joseph Kendall, "	9 15
Calvin Lawrence, boarding & nursing Taft boy	30 00
Whitcomb & Dunbar, for pants for Taft boy	4 75
John U. Beers for coat for Taft boy	2 75
	<hr/> 531 82

Repairing Highways and Bridges for 1865.

Paid for railing and work on bridge	3 50
D. W. Farrar for bridge timber	2 00
Jonas Bemis for labor done on highway	10 00
Edmund Bemis for bridge plank	5 96
Charles H. Osborn for repairing bridge	10 00
Edmund Bemis for building the abutments of the bridge near Elliot Whitecomb's shop	290 00
Edmund Bemis for extra work on said bridge	15 00
George A. Nutting for labor done on bridge	8 00
Charles Haskell for bolts for bridge	1 35
Ivers Emerson for bridge plank	73 23
E. P. Kimball for spikes for bridge	3 06
Gregory Lawrence for railing and work on bridge	14 00
George W. Brown for railing bridge	4 50
E. H. Tolman for labor done on bridge	3 00
Jacob Boyce for bridge timber	29 00
" " for building bridge near D. J. Fife's	22 00
" " for bridge stringers	5 00
Luther Whittemore for use of derick and setting up	28 75
Jubal E. Allen for hewing bridge stringers	3 50
Abel W. Baker for labor on bridge	1 00
Edmund Bemis for labor done on bridges	6 36
William L. Bemis for plank and labor on Cob bridge	12 27
William L. Bemis labor on bridge near E. Whitecomb's shop	11 00
Elliot Whitecomb for labor on bridge	1 25
Luther Whittemore for examining bridge	1 00
Augustus Hodgkins for work on Ward bridge	75
George Brown for labor done on bridge	5 75
	<hr/> 571 23

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid Edmund Bemis for services as selectman	88 50
Augustus Hodgkins " "	61 50
William L. Bemis " "	15 00
John U. Beers town treasurer	15 00
Henry W. Farrar town clerk	10 00
Leonard Farrar committee on public instruction	36 00
Leonard Farrar auditing town accounts	1 50
Edwin Buttrick " " "	1 50
Stephen B. Farrar committee on burying-ground	5 00
Elliot Whitecomb " " "	5 00
	<hr/> 239 00

Aid to Families of Volunteers.

Paid George J. Ripley's family	44 00
Levi Streeter's family	32 00
Orin S. Adams' family	40 39
Daniel L. Barnard's family	8 00
Frank Shattuck's family	17 00
Simeon Merrifield Jr.'s family	30 40
Danvers C. Fassett's family	42 00
Lyman Spooner's family	17 07
Samuel M. Thompson's family	48 00
Betsey B. Amadon	19 87
William Barnes' family	32 00
Charles H. Barrett's family	16 00
	<hr/> 346 73

Bounties paid to Volunteers for One Year.

Paid Samuel M. Thompson	300 00
Sidney B. Bowen	300 00
Lucius H. Clement	300 00
Ezekiel Haskell	300 00
Town of Rindge for Frank Pierce	300 00
	<hr/> 1500 00

Breaking Paths in Snow.

Paid John T. Leonardson for breaking roads	1 65
Abner Stanley	3 50
Luke C. Clark	3 75
Levi Streeter	2 00
Augustus Hodgkins	1 95
Alonzo B. Harrington	4 70
Edmund Bemis	6 55
Levi Merrifield	5 56
David P. Lowe	5 00
Franklin Woodward	8 60
Jotham H. Holt	1 64
Michael Roach	7 80
Jacob Boyce	3 00
William A. Harris	5 85
Edward S. Foster	1 00
Hamilton Parker	4 50
Malachi L. Tarpey	3 00
	<hr/> 70 05

Sundries.

Paid ear fare for four men to Lebanon, to enlist	11 60
Telegraph despatch to Lebanon, and answer	2 34
D. W. Farrar, stationery for the Town	33
E. P. Kimball, do. do.	38
E. P. Kimball, books for Lashuay children	30
L. H. Clement for ringing Town bell	2 00
Charles Haskell for tolling bell	1 25
Augustus Hodgkins for blank books for the town	2 05
Edmund Bemis when from home on business for the Town	2 45
Augustus Hodgkins do do	1 07
Edmund Bemis, stationery for the Town	2 00
E. & J. Garfield for printing Town report	24 00
Wheeler & Faulkner for counsel	5 00
W. J. Boyden for repairing bell yoke	2 20
E. P. Kimball for repairs on Town scales	3 11
Thomas Wright for services as sexton	15 50
John Wheeler for ringing Town bell	15 00
Charles Carpenter for gate for burying ground	3 50
Stephen B. Farrar, in part for collect. taxes in '65	52 84
John A. Cutter for sleigh shafts broke in snow	1 50
John U. Beers for collecting taxes for 1864	15 00
James B. Stanley, highway tax, receipt for 1865	3 42
John U. Beers for stationery for the Town	88
Edmund Bemis for stationery for the Town	73

 168 45

Notes and Interest Paid.

Paid Interest on David P. Lowe's note	24 72
" on Polly Amadon's note	35 00
David P. Lowe's notes and interest on same	203 20
Interest on Mrs Sarah Haskell's note	5 00
Endorsements on Frank E. Amadon's note	35 00
Interest on Mrs. Susan Lowe's note	24 72
" on David Nurse's note	31 28
" on Calvin Bemis' note	24 72
" on Edmund Bemis' note	12 00
Endorsement on George H. Kinsman's note	16 67
Interest on Mrs. Mary Whittemore's note	30 00
Endorsement on Mary Whittemore's note	50 00
Interest on Miram Holt's note	15 00
Fanny Forristall's note and interest	395 95
Endorsement on Frank E. Amadon's note	15 00

Paid Interest on Nathan Winch's note	75 00
Endorsement on George H. Kinsman's note	33 33
National Bank, Winchendon, note and interest	800 00
Monadnoc Bank, Jaffrey, note and interest	500 00
Curtis A. Whittemore interest on note	18 00
William G. Silsby's note and interest	102 25
George H. Kinsman's note and interest	54 23
Interest on Mary Whittemore's note	26 10
Endorsement on Mrs. Sarah Haskell's note	25 00
Endorsement on Mrs. Polly Amadon's note	50 00
Endorsement on Mrs. Drusella F. Silsby's note	25 00
Interest on Ezekiel Starkey's note	12 00
Joel Holt 2d. note and interest	105 90
Curtis A. Whittemore's note and interest	100 97
Almira B. Spooner interest on note	30 00
Edwin Buttrick interest on note	36 00
Endorsement on Almira B. Spooner's note	100 00
Interest on David Nurse's note	30 00
Edmund Bemis' note and interest	212 90
Interest on Fanny Forristall's note	9 60
Joel Holt 2d. note and interest	323 80
Interest on Willard White's note	30 15
Interest on Hamilton Parker's note	12 00
Endorsement on Drusella F. Silsby's note	352 51
Ezekiel Starkey note and interest	204 00
Interest on Drusella F. Silsby's note	40 00
Interest on David B. Silsby's note	5 00
Interest on William G. Silsby's note	5 00
Interest on E. S. Kimball's note	24 36
Interest on school fund note signed by selectmen	14 17
Interest on George Stowell's Note	31 80
George J. Ripley's notes and interest	242 14
William G. Silsby's note and interest	326 90
Endorsement on Frank E. Amadon's note	50 00
	<hr/> 4,926 37

Recapitulation.

Appropriated for Schools	573 56
Abatement of Taxes	60 02
State and County Tax	2200 49
Fire Department	85 40
Support of Poor for 1864	95 52
Support of Poor for 1865	531 82
Repairing Highways and Bridges	571 23
Town Officers' Bills	239 00
Aid to families of Volunteers	346 73
Bounties paid to Volunteers	1500 00
Breaking Paths in Snow	70 05
Sundries	168 45
Notes and interest Paid	4926 87
	<hr/> 11,368 64

Report of the Treasurer, commencing March 1, 1865.

	Dr.
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	141 01
Taxes in the hands of John U. Beers Coll. for '64	423 58
Taxes in the hands of John U. Beers Coll. for '63	7 38
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball Coll. for '56	15 30
Taxes in the hands of Jonas Bemis Coll. for '59	10 54
Daniel Starkey, note	10 00
Taxes assessed in the year 1865	5861 22
Dog tax assessed in the year 1864	37 00
Borrowed of David B. Silsby	50 00
Borrowed of National Bank, Winchendon	784 60
Borrowed of Ruth Haskell	300 00
Borrowed of Hamilton Parker	200 00
Borrowed of Samuel M. Thompson	300 00
Borrowed of Mary W. Clement	250 00
Borrowed of Sidney B. Bowen	300 00
Rec'd of County for support of Paupers	117 68
Borrowed of Edwin Buttrick Administrator of J. Haskell estate	800 00
Rec'd of State Treasurer R. R. dividend for the year 1864	227 74
Rec'd of State Treasurer for presenting recruits for the army	40 00
Borrowed of Monadnoc Bank	493 45
Rec'd of County for support of Paupers	99 44
Rec'd of State Treasurer for State Aid for the year 1864	985 60
Rec'd of State Treasurer R. R. dividend for the year 1865	349 22
Rec'd of State Treas. Tax on Savings Bank	126 69
Rec'd of State Treasurer literary fund	19 70
Borrowed of Lucy Harris	160 00
Borrowed of E. S. Kimball	200 00
Rec'd of Chas. Cooledge interest on School Fund notes	6 25
Int. on Sch. Fund notes, signed by Selectmen	14 17
Borrowed of George Stowell	242 14
Rec'd of Abel Baker Highway Tax	3 21
Rec'd of Farris Jackson for town grass	60
Rec'd of William Ward for old bridge plank	75
Rec'd of Abel Baker for cash paid Mrs. Lawrence for work at J. Flagg's	7 60
Rec'd of E. P. Kimball for the use of hay scales	13 83
Rec'd of John U. Beers for use of Town Hall	11 78
Rec'd of Lyman Wright, int. on Sch. Fund note	3 58
	<hr/> \$12,614 06

Town Treasurer, Cr.

By payment of 199 orders of the Selectmen	11,368 64
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball, coll. for 1856	15 30
Taxes in the hands of Jonas Bemis, coll. for 1859	10 54
Taxes in the hands of John U. Beers, coll. for 1863	7 38
Taxes in the hands of John U. Beers, coll. for 1864	88 26
Taxes in the hands of S. B. Farrar, coll. for 1865	200 18
Daniel Starkey note	10 00
Cash in the Treasury March 1st 1866	913 76
	<hr/> \$12,614 06

Assets of the Town, March 1, 1866.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	913 76
Daniel Starkey note	10 00
Taxes in the hands of Stephen B. Farrar coll. for '65	200 18
Taxes in the hands of John U. Beers coll. for '64	88 26
Taxes in the hands of John U. Beers coll. for '63	7 38
Taxes in the hands of Jonas Bemis coll. for '59	10 54
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball coll. for '56	15 30
Due from the county for support of paupers	158 86
Due from the State for families of volunteers	166 73
Due from the United States for government bounties	2380 00
Due from D. W. Farrar for rent of room under Town Hall	34 35
Due from James Capron for liquors	10 00
Furniture used by Mrs. Putney	21 17
Value of Hay Scales	225 00
Value of Town Meadow	10 00
	<hr/> \$4,251 53

One hundred dollars of the above Taxes we con- sider doubtful, and is deducted	100 00
	<hr/> \$4151 53

Liabilities of the Town March 1, 1866.

One Note held by Drusella F. Silsby, principal,	\$300 00
Interest,	1 95
One Note held by Drusella F. Silsby, principal,	150 00
Interest,	7 42
One Note held by Polly Amadon, principal,	650 00
Interest,	33 70
One Note held by Miram Holt, principal,	300 00
Interest,	14 45

One Note held by Sarah Haskell, principal	233 67
One Note held by Leonard Wright, principal,	200 00
Interest,	20 93
One Note held by Lee Rosebrook, principal,	200 00
Interest,	19 97
One Note held by Augustus Hodgkins, principal,	100 00
Interest,	9 98
One Note held by Edmund Bemis, principal,	100 00
Interest,	3 34
One Note held by Edward P. Kimball, principal,	150 00
Interest,	13 67
One Note held by Augustus Hodgkins, principal,	66 53
Interest,	6 88
One Note held by William G. Silsby, principal,	300 00
Interest,	26 75
One Note held by Elipha S. Kimball, principal,	400 00
Interest,	7 26
One Note held by Abner Bailey, principal,	500 00
Interest,	37 58
One Note held by Robert M. Silsby, principal,	100 00
Interest,	7 27
One Note held by Mrs. Fanny Forristall, principal,	160 00
Interest,	2 00
One Note held by Leafy Brown, principal,	50 00
Interest,	3 50
One Note held by Willard White, principal,	502 48
Interest,	5 03
One Note held by Frank E. Amadon, principal,	100 00
Interest,	10 16
One Note held by Susan Lowe, principal,	200 00
Interest,	11 45
One Note held by Nathan Winch, principal,	1500 00
Interest,	45 38
One Note held by Calvin Bemis, principal,	200 00
Interest,	10 87
One Note held by George W. Clark, principal	100 00
Interest,	17 80
One Note held by Edmund Bemis, principal,	100 00
Interest,	3 00
One Note held by Edwin Buttrick, principal,	300 00
Interest,	3 70
One Note held by David Nurse, principal,	500 00
Interest,	6 16
One Note held by Almira Spooner, principal,	400 00
Interest,	4 00
One Note held by Jesse Hiscock, principal,	700 00
Interest,	93 75

One Note held by Elbridge Cooledge, principal,	300 00
Interest,	20 25
One Note held by Lucy Harris, principal,	50 00
Interest,	6 24
One Note held by George Stowell, principal,	530 00
Interest,	3 89
One Note held by Ruth Haskell, principal,	300 00
Interest,	17 65
One Note held by Hamilton Parker, principal,	200 00
One Note held by Samuel M. Thompson, principal,	300 00
Interest,	16 95
One Note held by Sidney B. Bowen, principal,	300 00
Interest,	16 95
One Note held by Mary W. Clement, principal,	250 00
Interest,	14 62
One Note held by Ed. Buttrick, Admr. of J. Haskell,	800 00
Interest,	35 06
One Note held by David B. Silsby, principal,	150 00
Interest,	7 42
One Note held by Lucy Harris, principal,	160 00
Interest,	1 12
One Note held by Elipha S. Kimball, principal,	200 00
Interest,	23
One Note held by George Stowell, principal,	242 14
One Note held by Mary Whittemore, principal,	1225 32
School Fund Notes signed by the Selectmen,	236 00
Interest on the same,	2 36
Due Leonard Farrar, for rent of Kendall place,	25 00
Wheeler & Faulkner, for counsel,	5 00
Mrs. Cutler Rice for boarding Lucy Rice,	5 65
Sylvester Drury for boarding Maria Whittemore,	16 67
Charles Carpenter's estate for plank,	3 44
David Farrar for bridge stringers,	2 00
David W. Farrar claims for auditing Town accounts,	18 00
David W. Farrar for printing Firewards Reports,	3 38
David W. Farrar for breaking roads,	70
Cheshire Railroad,	1 00
Town Officers' bill, by estimation,	200 00
John Wheeler for ringing town bell,	12 50
	<hr/> \$14,670 17
Assets of the town substracted,	4,151 53
Present indebtedness of the Town March 1, 1866,	<hr/> \$10,518 64

Amount of School Fund Notes.

Charles Cooledge, Note,	\$104 25	
Lyman Wright, Note,	59 75	
Notes signed by the Selectmen,	236 00	
	<hr/>	400 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND BEMIS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Troy.</i>
AUGUSTUS HODGKINS,		
JOHN U. BEERS,		

We the undersigned, have this 3d day of March, 1866, carefully examined and compared the report of the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, and find them correctly cast.

LEONARD FARRAR,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
EDWIN BUTTRICK,		

R E P O R T
OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
OF THE
TOWN OF TROY,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1866.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—Your Superintending School Committee address you on one of the most vital subjects that can occupy the attention. It is one that has long endeared New England to herself, and given her a power that has been felt in all parts of our Republic.

Education is a power of an overwhelming character. It bursts the bands of oppression. It freed us from the yoke of English despotism. It inspires in the mind the love of liberty. It elevates the ideas, expands the powers of the intellect, refines the taste, and gives us good society. It is a power that demands respect. This is seen in all departments of labor and enterprise. It is wealth more to be desired than houses, lands, silver, or gold, and still its true value, by community generally, is not felt as it ought to be.

This town is deficient in many points. One of the most important is, our District Schools are far too short. When fairly begun, they are brought to a close. At least *double* the means should be employed to lengthen them. We are better able to raise and expend double the money we now do, than to lose the

talent that is now being worse than thrown away. It is easier, cheaper, and more to our credit, to educate our children at home for the various useful avocations of life, than to be obliged to send them to Keene, Manchester, and Concord, to be taken care of. Besides, the town of Troy is not *able* to let the children and youth grow up in ignorance.

A High School is one thing that is very much needed among us. Such a school, instead of impoverishing, will enrich the place, by bringing in more citizens of enterprise, of refinement and wealth, that shall raise the standard of good morals and pure religion. Among all other good things, education is one of the first to give this or any other community, a name to be respected abroad.

One thing that is wanting is more money. Much that is now expended would be worth vastly more in proportion to what it now is, if there were more to put with it. And while some may say we have as much schooling as is desirable, because of the disorderly conduct and indifference manifested by some of the pupils, in some of our schools; the fact is, such behavior and indifference on the part of the pupils, is owing, in part at least, to a deficiency in a pure discipline of the heart and intellect.

Our schools have had, during the past year, good instructors. The prime point, with them, has been to *educate* the pupils. And so far as the means have been afforded, they have succeeded well.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Andrew Aldrich.

The Summer Term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Mattie A. Ingalls, whose efforts were crowned with commendable success as a whole, though in some branches there was more marked improvement than in others. The order was good.

The Fall Term of five weeks was also taught by Miss Ingalls. The classes being fewer, and the number of scholars less than during the previous term, gave the teacher opportunity to devote more time to each pupil, and therefore, although the term was much shorter than the former, yet the improvement was more obvious. The order was good.

The Winter Term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Phylinda C. Scott, of Peterboro', N. H., a well qualified, and experienced teacher, who applied herself faithfully to the work of instruction; but the Committee, with regret, are compelled to say, that there were a few of the older male scholars who took such a course as resulted in the expulsion of two of their number. The Committee also are sorry to say, that in consequence of sickness, the teacher, by the advice of her physician, was obliged to close her school without an examination. But the Committee being present with the School Commissioner, and also about a week before it closed, are enabled to report that good progress was made by most of the scholars; and we cheerfully add, that in our opinion, whoever shall employ, hereafter, Miss Scott, as a teacher, will obtain a rare gift. The school was well managed.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Mr. John U. Beers.

The schools in this district were under the instruction of Miss Janette Bascom, of Hinsdale, a lady of large experience in teaching; being so well known in our midst as a successful

instructor of youth, it was with the fullest confidence that she was placed in charge of this school. She commenced her labors with energy and fidelity; and it is believed that the scholars made commendable progress under her instruction.

The school was large, and the teacher's task laborious; and her labors were so satisfactory that she was employed to instruct the two subsequent terms.

The attendance of the scholars was not what it should have been; besides a large amount of tardiness, about one seventh of the money was lost to the district by non-attendance or absences.

The good of the school requires punctuality and an undivided attention on the part of all its members.

The Second Term of six weeks, under the instruction of the same teacher, was quite successful. The scholars were more constant in attendance and more industrious, thereby rendering the discipline more in harmony with what the more scrupulous would desire it to be. Tardiness was almost entirely blotted out, there being only one instance on record for the entire term. The school being smaller, the teacher's labors were not spread over so much surface; and this, with other good influences, rendered the advancement of the school much more rapid than the preceding term.

The teacher, during this term, solicited and obtained a sufficient amount of money from the citizens of the district to purchase a set of Cornell's Outline Maps, which will be a great help to those who may study geography hereafter.

The Third Term, with the same teacher, was composed of the older scholars of the district. The teacher labored hard to sustain the former reputation of the school. She provided the older members with blank books for the purpose of writing the daily occurrences and passing events as a substitute for weekly compositions, which proved quite successful.

There was a class in arithmetic that appeared quite well. They were under drill more than an hour, answering questions cheerfully, promptly and correctly, showing that the teacher had been critical in her instruction in that branch.

The illustrations on the board were very creditable to the scholars.

Also a class in geography that recited from the outline maps performed their recitation very acceptably, showing that study had been their daily employment.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Mr. H. Hodgkins.

This school was taught by Miss Mary L. Wetherbee, of Marlboro'. It consisted of two terms of eight weeks each. The order was good. The pupils did all that could be expected in the time given them. A good degree of interest was manifested by the teacher, pupils, and parents, to constitute it a good school. There were forty visits by the citizens besides those by the Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Lorenzo Dexter.

The Summer Term of seven weeks and four days was taught by Miss Nettie A. Blanding, with good success, as was apparent at the close. The order was good, which is one of the essentials of a successful school.

The Winter Term of six weeks and three days was taught by Miss Mary E. Bemis, a thorough teacher. The school, under her care and instruction, although short, made rapid progress.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Mr. M. L. Tarpy.

This school consisted of one Term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Susan Fisher, of Fitzwilliam. She exhibited talent and aptness to instruct; and succeeded finely as a teacher. Some of the pupils in this district manifested superior talent for scholarship, and will excel as scholars, with suitable advantages.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Mr. L. C. Clark.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Betsey R. Stanley, who discharged her duties faithfully. She was mild in her discipline and critical in her instruction. The attendance of the scholars was good. All but two were present every half day of the school.

It is very much to be regretted that when the scholars manifest so much interest to obtain an education, that their term of school should be so limited.

In a term of six weeks much of the time of the teacher must necessarily be spent in learning the attainments and abilities of her pupils. Having accomplished this, she finds herself near the close of her school. We feel that if a district cannot support a school more than twelve weeks during the year, it should be kept in one continuous term.

The Second Term was taught by Miss Julia E. Gage, of Fitzwilliam, who has had but little experience in teaching. She manifested a love for her vocation, and tact and talent to prosecute her work successfully. The order and progress of the school were satisfactory. Clearness and earnestness were the leading characteristics in the reading and recitations.

In concluding our report, we make such suggestions, and state such facts as we hope may interest our citizens and promote the cause of education.

For the last few years our attention has been absorbed, and our energies concentrated in putting down a gigantic rebellion which threatened the existence of the very best Government that God ever gave to man.

But that now having been accomplished, and peace having extended her olive branch over us again, we can turn our activities to the pursuits of peace.

Among these we place education first, because the mind is the better part of man, and should engage our first attention.

Our forefathers acted upon this principle, and therefore, as early as 1635, we find John Blackstone, the original owner of Boston, sold his right and title for £30. In the same year at a public meeting held in Boston, arrangements were made to engage a school master to instruct children. And in 1636, Harvard College was founded; £800, twice the amount of the colonial tax for a year, having been appropriated, in three sums for the support of a school or college.

Twelve years later, a law was passed by which every town of fifty families was bound to maintain a school, in which children were to be taught to read and write; and every town of one hundred families was obliged to maintain a Grammar School, the master of which should be able to qualify children for the University.

At this time, says the historian, "Provision had hardly been made for the first wants of life—habitations, food, clothing, and churches. Walls, roads, and bridges were yet to be built, and a desperate war with the natives had already begun."

Thus felt the Puritans; and thus should we feel, in regard to the system of Common Schools, which is one of the most important foundations of a Republican Government. And if our Puritan fathers needed to give such attention to this subject at the *commencement* of our nation, much more do we at this time of *reconstruction*.

Finally, our Committee would suggest, first that there should be more regard paid to the morality of our schools by parents, guardians, teachers and committees. Until this is done we cannot expect that our schools will rise much in true excellence above what they now are.

Then there should be a more thorough drill in all the primary branches, so that when our children leave the Common School, they may be pretty thoroughly posted in reading, spelling, pen-

manship, geography, arithmetic, English grammar, and composition.

When this is done then we shall have obtained, in some good degree, the object to be accomplished through the Common School.

Now fellow citizens, what shall we say more that shall excite in every mind a deeper interest in the cause of education, so that we may give to it all needful attention? Would we cultivate good morals, a truly refined taste, and impress upon the minds of our youth the principles of true piety, let us educate our children so that they shall occupy a high and noble position in life, and obtain a crown of glory in eternity.

LEONARD FARRAR,	} <i>Superintending</i>
DANIEL GOODHUE,	
I. S. HERRICK,	
	<i>Committee.</i>

STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1865.

	F. T.			F. T.					
No. of District,	1	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	Total.
Whole No. of pupils,	59	34	57	43	11	19	17	10	250
Average attendance,	52†	29†	49	40	10†	14†	12	9†	215
Males,	30	23	24	24	5	12	8	2	128
Females,	29	11	33	19	6	7	9	8	122
Length of School in w'ks,	9	5	10	6	8	7 $\frac{3}{5}$	12	6	53 $\frac{3}{5}$
Wages of Teacher, per mo.	24	20	25	22	16	16	15.67	16	
Absence of pupils in days,	315	117	400	90	9	181	330	18	1460
Tardiness,	4	1	21	1	0	0	31	5	63
No. pup. not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	9	9	8	14	7	5	0	8	60
No. not tardy,	55	33	46	42	11	19	5	5	216
No. of dismissals,	18	1	9	2	10	0	5	0	45
No. of visits by citizens,	82	36	74	44	45	36	16	22	355
No. by S. Committee,	4	3	6	3	2	3	2	3	26
No. by P. Committee,	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	10

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS, 1865-6.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total.
No. of District,	60	39	16	14		10	139
Whole No. of pupils,	53†	35†	15†	11†		9†	123
Average attendance,	34	18	8	9		3	72
Males,	26	21	8	5		7	67
Females,	8 $\frac{1}{5}$	7	8	6 $\frac{3}{5}$		6	35 $\frac{3}{5}$
Length of School in weeks,	32	31	18.48	20		24	
Wages of teacher pr month,	290 $\frac{1}{2}$	140	37	108		29	604
Absence of pupils in days,	5	1	0	3		4	13
Tardiness,	15	16	6	4		5	46
No. pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	55	38	8	11		6	118
No. not tardy,	0	2	0	4		0	6
No. of dismissals,	2.26	2.35	4.42	3.39	2.61	4.24	
Amt. of money per scholar,	29	45	34	24		15	147
No. of visits by citizens,	6	8	5	2		2	23
No. of visits by S. Com.,	3	2	2	1		1	9
No. of visits by P. Com.,	22.60						
Amt. of money contribu- ted to prolong schools, }							

STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1885.

No. of District	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Whole No. of pupils	20	24	27	42	11	17	10
Average attendance	221	237	40	107	147	12	61
Boys	20	22	24	34	6	8	2
Girls	20	11	23	10	6	9	8
Length of School in weeks	6	6	6	8	7	12	6
Wages of teacher per month	24	20	22	10	16	12	100
Absence of pupils in days	117	100	60	181	230	18	1400
Terminals	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
No pupils not absent 1 day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No not tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of absentees	18	1	0	2	10	0	42
No. of pupils by district	22	26	74	44	66	18	222
No. by S. Committee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. by T. Committee	2	0	0	1	2	1	10

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS, 1885-6.

No. of District	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Whole No. of pupils	60	30	16	14	10	10	130
Average attendance	287	257	167	117	87	67	128
Boys	24	18	8	9	6	8	72
Girls	26	21	8	5	4	7	67
Length of School in weeks	8	7	8	6	6	6	63
Wages of teacher per month	22	21	18	20	24	24	201
Absence of pupils in days	200	140	87	108	20	20	601
Terminals	6	1	0	0	0	0	13
No pupils not absent 1 day	15	16	0	4	6	6	48
No. not tardy	65	28	8	11	6	6	118
No. of absentees	0	2	0	4	0	0	6
Amount of money per school	2.26	2.25	1.42	0.89	0.61	1.24	147
No. of visits by S. Com.	20	45	24	24	2	2	28
No. of visits by T. Com.	2	2	2	1	1	1	9
Amount of money contributed by visiting schools	22.60						